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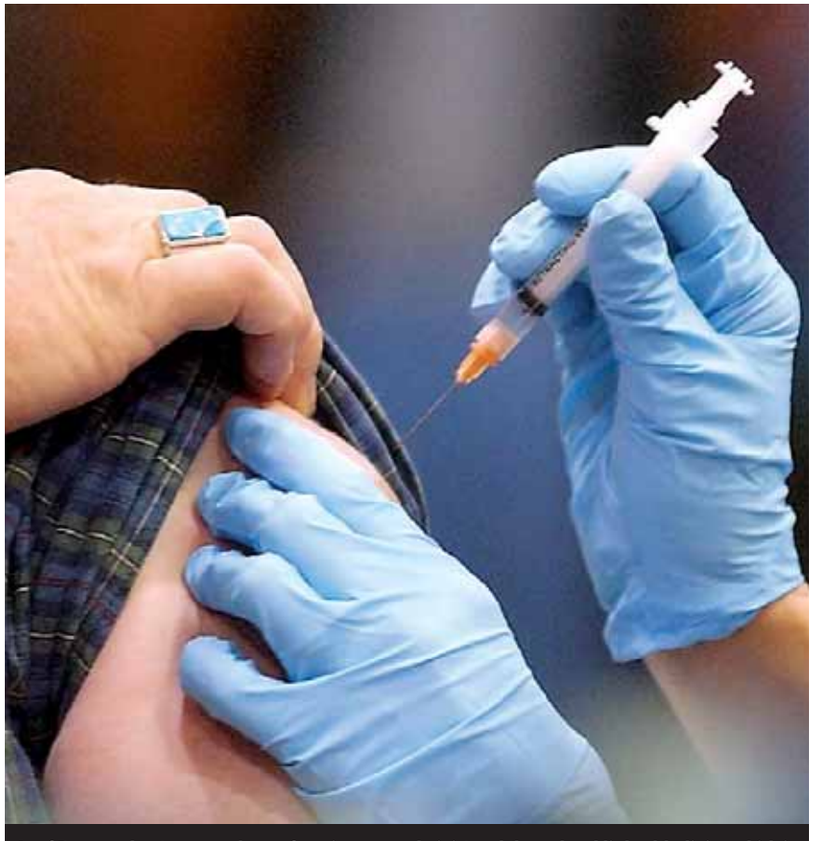

As of Dec. 14, about 142,300 doses of vaccine were administered through public health clinics, which is down slightly from the same time last year, according to Dr. Judy MacDonald, medical officer of health for the Calgary health zone. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Flu hitting city extra hard this season: AHS

Don't wait, vaccinate.
AHS' four mass-immunizations clinics close at 6:30 p.m. Saturday for the holidays

Three people have died and dozens have been hospitalized so far this flu season as a sudden spike in both the frequency and severity of cases has health officials urging Calgarians to get immunized before the holidays.

As of noon on Wednesday, there were 158 lab-confirmed cases of influenza in the Calgary health zone so far in the 2013-14 flu season, including 33 cases confirmed since Monday.

"Influenza is severe and can cause death," said Dr. Judy MacDonald, the zone's medical officer of health, adding that the cases this season appear more severe than last season.

MacDonald said 68 people have been hospitalized with influenza since August, some in intensive-care units, and three people have died.

That number is concerning, but not unexpected, MacDonald added, but it also likely under-represents the true number of deaths related to the flu.

"It's always hard to track those exactly because we may not capture all of the influenza-related deaths," she said.

People who die due to influenza typically have underlying health conditions.

The 2012-13 season — tracked from Sept. 30, 2012 to July 20, 2013 — was particularly bad for flu, with the Calgary health zone seeing 766 lab-confirmed cases, roughly three times as many as the year prior.

MacDonald said the number so far this season is comparable to last season.

Peter Rodulfa and his family all got immunized Wednesday afternoon at the South Calgary Health Centre public clinic. He said it's an annual routine for the family and they rarely get sick during flu season.

"Me, I took the needle," Peter said. "The mist is better for the children."

Rhoda Rodulfa, 18, said it's a pretty painless procedure.

"It just felt like normal nasal spray," she said.

For full clinic locations and hours, call 1-866-408-5465 or visit albertahealthservices.ca/influenza.

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'Hashed out in public'

Nenshi stands behind his confrontational approach

Mayor Naheed Nenshi says his more publicly confrontational approach to dealing with the provincial government, specifically on city charters, is what's needed as Alberta continues to urbanize.

"The political environment in Alberta has always been extremely deferential," Nenshi said. "Don't get me wrong — that sort of family-compact view of the province has actually served us well, in many ways — but the province is changing."

With Alberta's long-lived governments — the Progressive Conservative party has held power for the past 42 years — the mayor said playing politics here has traditionally been more about currying favour with provincial officials, rather than bringing public pressure to bear through outspoken criticism, as happens more elsewhere.

Coun. Andre Chabot said there's "a lot of truth" to that observation, but noted there's a fine line to walk.

Chabot expressed concerns about the seemingly personal nature of some of the public spats between Nenshi and former municipal affairs minister Doug Griffiths over the city charters issue.

"There are times when things need to be hashed out in public, and there are times when they should be done in private," Chabot said.

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Lynne Banning, assistant to Coun. Jim Stevenson, left, Coun. Ray Jones, city maintenance manager Bill Biensch and northeast district technician Greg Hussey in the "war room" discussing Wednesday how to clean up northeast roads. RILEY HILL/FOR METRO

Officials battle snow from 'war room'

Marshmallow world. Environment Canada said Tuesday Calgary's December snowfall the most in 112 years

Quick to quash rumours that not even emergency vehicles would brave the snowy roads, city officials scrambled on Wednesday to cope with the snow smothering Calgary's northeast communities.

Working from a location now dubbed 'the war room,' city roads director Ryan Jestin pointed to a whiteboard showing progress, or lack thereof, they've made in 10 northeast neighbourhoods. By mid-afternoon, with all city personnel and equipment thrown at the job, four of these communities were still waiting to have any snow cleared off residential roads.

"It's obvious that our efforts haven't been good enough," Jestin said. "I'm the first to admit to those in the northeast that it's a tough time."

Snowfall topped 60 cm prior to Wednesday when the sixth major snowstorm of the season hit Calgary. Jestin said plans are being made on the assumption that another 10 cm will fall by Thursday morning.

December storms have gutted $6 million from the city's annual $34 million snow removal budget. Jestin guessed another $2-3 million will soon be gone.

"This isn't about money. We're going to keep going until the streets are in good shape," he said.

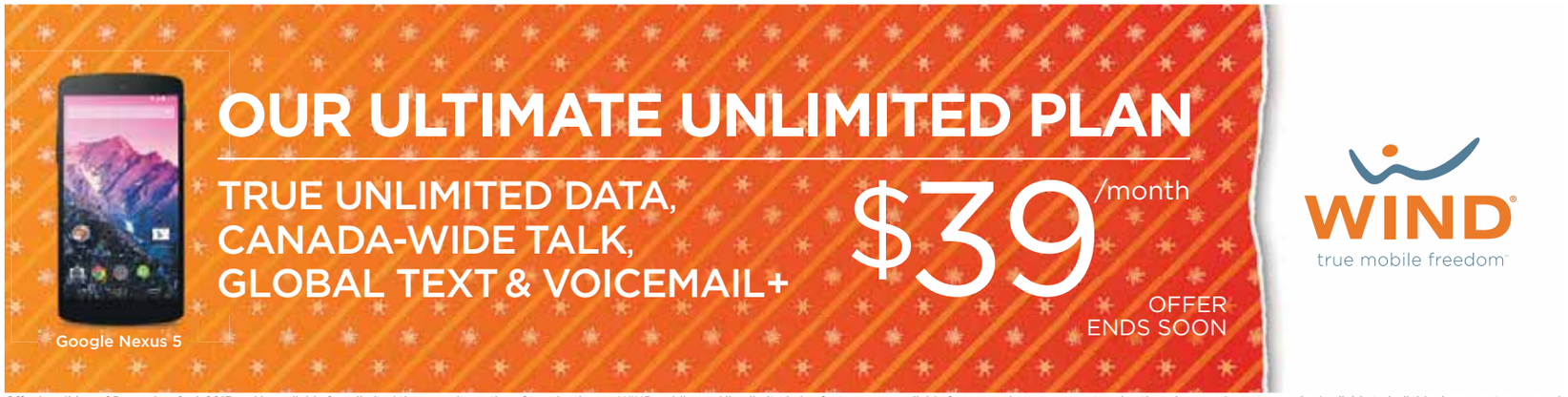
Jestin argued that the city needs more staff and equipment to deal with future snowfalls of this size.

Until then, northeast residents like Josh Tomlinson will be forced to brave the roads.

"Look at this," Tomlinson said, pointing to snow blanketing the road outside his Whitehorn home. "I hope someone deals with this mess soon." RILEY HILL/FOR METRO

'This mess'

- **106 cm:** Average annual snowfall in Calgary
- Over 70 cm of snow is expected by Thursday morning.
- City officials typically aim to clear all roads within a week of a snowfall.



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Calgary promoter Anthony Carolan, seen working in Inglewood Wednesday, says poor taxi service is cutting into late-night venue revenues and putting public safety at risk. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

‘Consumer-oriented approach’ needed to solve taxi turmoil

‘Service is improving,’ says chief livery officer.
But ex-taxi boss says cabbies should be treated as employees, not independent contractors

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Shifting Calgary cabbies from independent contractors to company guys could fuel major improvements to customer service, according to the city’s former taxi boss.

Karen Cameron ended her half-decade run in 2007, but has kept up with a system she says is designed to benefit brokers more than customers.

Metro reported earlier this week that Calgary cab drivers were spending up to a third of their working hours logged off dispatch systems, a direct violation of city bylaws, according to data published this week.

Any driver caught only picking up passengers flagging a ride from the roadside can be slapped with a $1,000 fine, but Cameron believes the accountability of the system could be ramped up by putting more pressure on the brokers to take a “consumer-oriented approach” that starts with balancing supply and demand.

“We treat them (cab drivers) as independent contractors, but if you don’t let them work for anybody else they’re not independent,” she said. “So then, they should be employees, paid as employees, told what time of the day to work, how fast you’re going to pick somebody up and the quality of service that you’re going to provide.”

Marc Halat, who, as Calgary’s chief livery officer, currently fills a role similar to Cameron’s former posting, said while his predecessor’s input is welcome, the system has improved over the years.

“They (brokers) are not resisting, they’re actually working with this office … service is improving,” Halat said. “I’ve got work to do now to get that balance out there where service is missing.”

The taxi data, which covers cab service for the month of July and is the first of its kind published by the city, also indicates fewer drivers are willing to work peak bar-closing hours, when demand is likely highest.

Anthony Carolan, who runs marketing and promotions for The Hifi Club and does poster promotions for numerous entertainment venues, said he routinely hears of clients who had trouble just getting to their venue of choice. When it comes time to head home, the situation becomes even more dire, he said, with heated disputes erupting between drunk patrons attempting to hail the same cab. Even worse, Carolan said he’s witnessed some intoxicated and fatigued partiers simply pile into their own vehicle and drive home after spending prolonged periods attempting to flag a cab from the roadside.

Average price: $100K

Former Calgary taxi department manager Karen Cameron said she fears some people holding cab licences are doing so purely for their worth and not to serve customers.

- Metro posed as a taxi plate buyer earlier this year and found three being sold online at an average price of $100,000.

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Many eyes will be on Teagan Borbandy, Madison Laurin, Cara Daudlin and Tessa Adams as they showcase their skills at the 36th Mac's midget AAA tournament. BRYAN WEISMILLER/METRO

Hockey midgets prep for tourney

Minor leagues. Prestigious competition the only time scouts all come to watch

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Highly touted young hockey players will skate under brighter lights this holiday season in what's hyped as one of the world's most prestigious minor-league tournaments.

The 36th Mac's midget AAA tournament goes from Boxing Day to New Year's Day.

It's not only a big deal for those with NHL ambitions, but also for kids looking to catch the eye of university and college scouts.

"This is the only time the scouts come and watch and they're all there in one place," said Madison Laurin at a kick-off event held Wednesday.

The Calgary Bruins competitor and her coach agreed the event is a huge showcase for the women's game. Girls don't typically play high-profile playoff games like their male counterparts.

"It's very important for them to get experience in playing in a high-intensity tournament structure," said coach Tom Pointer of the Bruins.

Several notable NHLers have skated in the Mac's tournament, including Jarome Iginla, Sidney Crosby and Mikael Backlund.

Forty teams are competing to play the championship game at the Saddledome. As many as 100,000 fans are expected to turn up over the week-long tournament.

If he felt the pressure, Jack Thomas from the Calgary Buffaloes wasn't showing it on Wednesday.

"You can't be afraid out there because there's going to be adversity and you just got to grind through it," Thomas said.

Small, medium biz

Province extends flood-aid deadline

The Alberta government is extending the deadline for small and medium-sized businesses affected by the June floods to apply for aid.

The aid includes loan- and interest-rebate programs to help small businesses, agricultural producers and not-for-profits get back on their feet.

The deadline is now June 30, 2014. Treasury Board president Doug Horner says the deadline was changed because they heard from small- and medium-sized businesses that they needed more time to assess their needs. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kids' surgeries. Wildrose, AHS disagree on reason for cancellations

Alberta's Wildrose party says children's surgeries are being cancelled every week due to staff shortages.

But Alberta Health Services' medical director says that's not the reason surgeries were postponed.

Wildrose health critic Heather Forsyth said Wednesday that doctors have told her that two to three surgeries per week at Alberta Children's Hospital in Calgary have been cancelled because there wasn't enough staff.

Forsyth says the families are distraught, having to take their children home without having their surgery.

AHS medical director Dr. Francois Belanger says six surgeries had to be postponed this month, but not because of a staff shortage.

He says it has to do with how the operating room is managed on a day-to-day basis, as well as the patients' medical condition, type of procedure and what kind of recovery bed is required.

Belanger said all of the surgeries that were postponed have been re-booked. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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'Premature' to say when new schools will open: Minister

Needed space.
Province announces new elementary school coming to west Airdrie

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Parents pining for details on when newly announced Alberta schools will open their doors are going to have to wait a little longer, according to the province's new infrastructure minister.

Ric McIver was on hand with Education Minister Jeff Johnson and Premier Alison Redford to announce a new school in west Airdrie Wednesday morning, one of six unveiled in the province this month. But, unlike a slate of projects given the green light in May, none of the schools announced in recent days have come with construction timelines or tentative opening dates.

Infrastructure minister Ric McIver will oversee construction of newly announced schools. METRO FILE

McIver said, however, providing such information would be "premature" as work still has to be done on designs, construction bids and potential partnerships.

"Obviously, sooner is better than later, but we've got to get through a little bit more of the process before we can answer that," he said.

Officials have narrowed in on a contractor to build 19 of 30 schools announced in the spring through a public-private-partnership, with the aim to open the facilities for the fall 2016 school year.

Alberta Education Minister Jeff Johnson said earlier this week that the province plans to announce another 90 new-school and modernization projects in early 2014.

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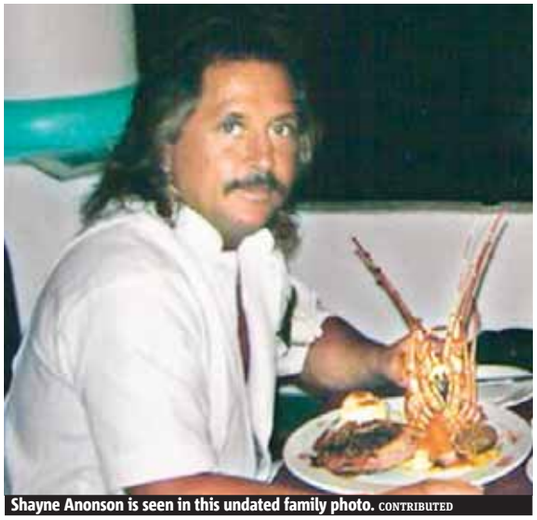

Shayne Anonson is seen in this undated family photo. CONTRIBUTED

Hospital suicide inquiry likely won't bring change: Widow

AHS. Patient was not placed in psych unit despite request: Report

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The widow of a man who committed suicide at Calgary's Rockyview Hospital with a belt — which staff left in his room despite her warnings — says she hopes the inquiry into his death will result in significant changes, but doesn't expect they will.

"In past inquiries in Alberta, similar recommendations have been made time and time again, and they've never been implemented," Terri-Lee Anonson told Metro. "So what makes this any different?"

On Wednesday, the province released the final report of a judicial inquiry into the death of Shayne Anonson, who was found strangled in his hospital bathroom on Feb. 18, 2010, after being admitted a week earlier for "alcohol withdrawal and suicidal ideation."

The report noted that hospital staff placed Shayne in a medical ward despite his and his wife's desire that he be admitted to a psychiatric unit.

At the very least, Terri-Lee said staff should have removed potentially dangerous items from Shayne's room, including the transfer belt he ultimately used to kill himself.

"That, to me, is just common sense, if someone's suicidal," she said.

Alberta Health Services developed a new suicide-prevention policy in October 2011, but the report recommends more changes.

Those include creating a formal method of observing and communicating sudden changes in a patient's risk of suicide, as well as correcting a "misapprehension" about patient confidentiality that prevented staff from talking with Shayne about family support systems.

AHS was "unable to accommodate an interview" Wednesday but Dr. Francois Belanger, chief medical director for southern Alberta, said in an email the recommendations are being reviewed.

Terri-Lee said she would like to see more beds in combined medical/mental-health units, other than the six available at the Peter Lougheed Centre.

"Six beds — to me that's pretty pathetic," she said. "I would say a whole unit of at least 30 beds would be just the tip of the iceberg."

Patient suicides

"This is a larger problem than just the one isolated incident. This is something that AHS needs to look at very thoroughly."

Patient advocate Rick Lundy

Glenmore Trail

One child dead, another in hospital after truck crash

One child has died and another was rushed to hospital in serious but stable condition Wednesday after a crash that shut down Glenmore Trail.

Shortly after 5 p.m., Calgary police received a report that a truck collided with a semi trailer on westbound Glenmore Trail at Deerfoot Trail. A pickup truck heading eastbound somehow flipped, landing on its roof in the westbound lane, where a semi-truck then struck it, police said. Upon arrival at the scene it was determined that two children, one aged between 1-2 years old and another 3-4 years old were seriously injured.

Police escorted EMS to the Alberta Children's Hospital with both victims, but the younger one succumbed to injuries, police confirmed to Metro.

A spokesperson for EMS said the youngest child was on the side of the truck that took the worst of the damage.

The female driver of the truck was able to pull herself out of the vehicle.

Further details on the crash have not yet been released.

Westbound traffic from Deerfoot trail to Glenmore closed but reopened around 10 p.m. Wednesday night.

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Memo of understanding

Stoney Nakoda, province ink flood-repair deal

The Alberta government signed a memorandum of understanding with the Nakoda Nation on Wednesday, partnering the two groups in repairs still needed on nation land following the June floods, which damaged 510 homes. METRO

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Russia approves amnesty bill that could free activists

Protesters. The bill could apply to Greenpeace activists and the two jailed members of the Pussy Riot punk band

Russia's parliament on Wednesday passed an amnesty bill that will likely apply to the 30-member crew of a Greenpeace ship detained after an Arctic protest, but it wasn't immediately clear if and when the activists, including two Canadians, would be allowed to leave the country.

A spokesman for Greenpeace said the organization had hoped Paul Ruzycki of Port Colborne, Ont., and Alexandre Paul of Montreal and 28 other activists could return home by Christmas, but that seems unlikely given the amount of red tape surrounding their release.

At the earliest, they may make it in time to ring in the new year, Diego Creimer told The Canadian Press.

The amnesty, which also would likely free the two jailed members of the Pussy Riot punk band, has been largely viewed as the Kremlin's attempt to soothe criticism of Russia's human rights records ahead of the Winter Olympics in Sochi next year. But opposition lawmakers argued it doesn't go nearly far enough and the complicated legislation appeared to leave many questions open.

The State Duma on Wednesday voted 446-0 in favour of the carefully tailored bill, which mostly applies to those who haven't committed violent crimes, first-time offenders, minors and women with small children. Lawmakers said they expect about 2,000 people to be released from jail.

The Duma adopted last-minute amendments to the bill to include suspects of hooliganism who are still awaiting trial, a provision that could apply to the crew of a Greenpeace ship facing those charges after their September's protest in the Arctic.

The activists, who spent two months in jail before they were granted bail, were initially accused of piracy but authorities later changed that charge to hooliganism.

The crew members insist the charges against them were bogus. "I might soon be going home to my family, but I should never have been charged and jailed in the first place," the ship's captain Peter Willcox said in a statement. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Still in limbo

Family 'cautiously optimistic'

The sister of one of two Canadian Greenpeace activists facing charges in Russia says she's "cautiously optimistic" that an amnesty bill passed Wednesday in Moscow will apply to them. Patricia Ruzycki Stirling said the news brought some relief from the anxiety that has plagued her family for months, but the tight-knit clan won't celebrate until Paul Ruzycki is back on Canadian soil.
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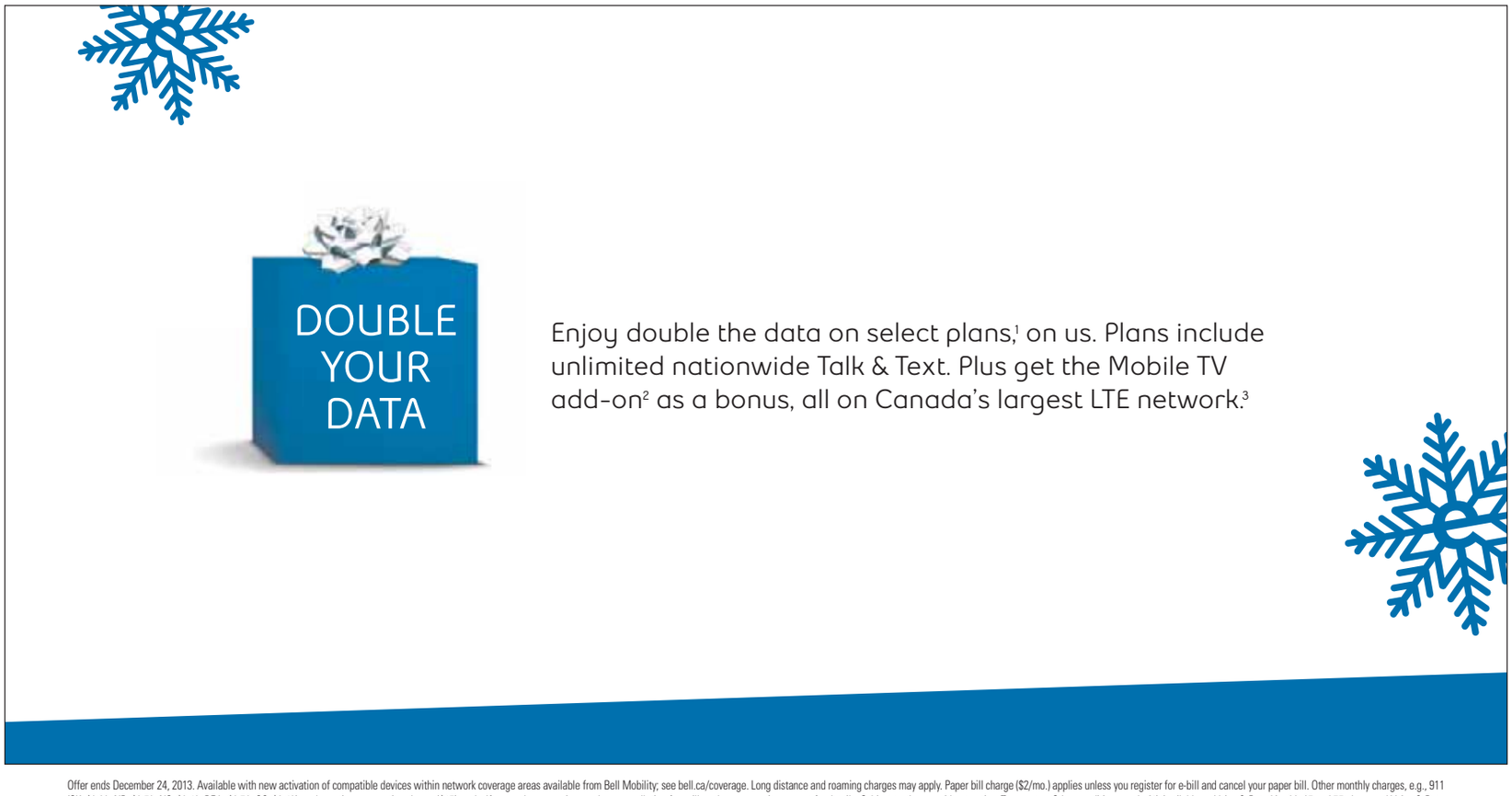
Greenpeace International activists Philip Ball, left, from Britain and Camila Speziale of Argentina embrace after hearing the Russian parliament passed an amnesty that would likely pardon them, in St. Petersburg, Russia on Wednesday. DMITRI SHAROMOV/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/GREENPEACE INTERNATIONAL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Rescued crane operator suffers severe burns after massive fire

Kingston, Ont.
Authorities concerned damaged crane could come crashing down

A 68-year-old construction worker stranded atop a crane at the centre of a massive fire in Kingston, Ont., was "severely burned" before a military helicopter was able to navigate smoke and leaping flames to airlift him to safety.

Adam Jastrzebski, who had burns to his hands, legs, back and buttocks, was recovering in hospital Wednesday after his dramatic rescue a day earlier, said his employer at Canadian Professional Crane Inc.

"He's in severe pain right now in the hospital and they're giving him morphine," said Aram Malek.

"I'm just surprised no one got hurt more than that because the fire was enormous."

Firefighters from neighbouring communities had to be called in on Tuesday afternoon to help Kingston crews battle the flames which had engulfed an apartment building that was under construction.

A crowd watched from the streets as the crane operator got out of his cab, crept along the boom of the crane to its very edge and waited to be rescued by a team from CFB Trenton.

Meanwhile, authorities focused their attention Wednesday on the charred crane which towered above the still-smouldering remains of the building at the heart of the blaze.

"Right now our biggest risk is having that crane in its current condition," said Kingston fire chief Rheaume Chaput. "It's been impinged by fire and is in a damaged condition. So we want to make sure we make that safe, get that down."

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Members of 424 Squadron, from left, Capt. Jean-Benoit Girard-Beauseigle, Master Cpl. Matt Davidson, Cpl. Iain Cleaton, Sgt. Cory Cisyk and Capt. David Agnew, pose for media at CFB Trenton on Wednesday. Inset: Sgt. Cisyk rescues a crane operator who was stranded at the end of his crane during a huge fire in Kingston, Ont., on Tuesday. LARS HAGBERG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Fatal disaster

Rail service resumes in Lac-Mégantic

Trains are rolling through Lac-Mégantic, Que., for the first time since last summer's deadly rail disaster.

Rail service resumed Wednesday in the town where a runaway train carrying crude oil derailed and exploded in July, killing 47 people.

The crash also destroyed part of Lac-Mégantic's downtown core.

Many locals are still trying to cope with the disaster and have mixed feelings about the train's return to the railway-dependent community.

Businesses along the railroad say the service is vital for the town's economy.

The first train arrived at the Tafisa Canada plant in the town's industrial park to pick up a load of particle board. While it was there, tests were carried out to ensure signals were functioning properly on its route out, which took it through the centre of the town.

The train headed to nearby Sherbrooke after leaving the Tafisa factory.

The gradual return of freight trains to Lac-Mégantic must follow strict rules and conditions.

For now, no dangerous substances will be transported through the town, which is about 250 kilometres east of Montreal.

The track is still owned by Montreal, Maine & Atlantic Railway — the company at the heart of the disaster.

The insolvent railway is expected to be sold in the coming weeks.

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Reporter drops suit against Ford

In a statement released on Wednesday night, Toronto Mayor Rob Ford has retracted statements he made about Toronto Star reporter Daniel Dale.

Dale responded on Twitter, saying he won't be proceeding with a defamation lawsuit against Ford.

The reporter says he appreciates Ford's "complete retraction and unqualified apology," and he's glad the truth is no longer in dispute.

Dale served Ford last week with a libel notice, demanding he retract all of his false claims about what happened during an incident near Ford's house in May 2012 and issue an "unreserved, abject, complete apology."

During a televised interview with Conrad Black, which aired Dec. 9 on VisionTV, Ford claimed that Dale was in his backyard, "taking pictures of little kids" — a claim he has now retracted.

Dale says he won't be taking legal action against the mayor, and is looking forward to getting back to work.

Dale has said he was writing a story about a plot of public land adjacent to Ford's house that the mayor wanted to buy, so he went to take a look when the mayor emerged from his home to confront him.

The reporter has said that at no time was he on the mayor's property nor did he take any pictures.

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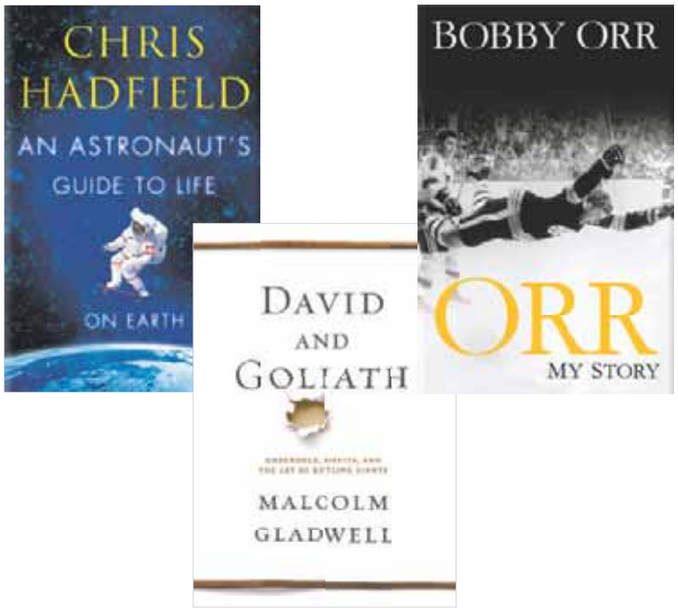

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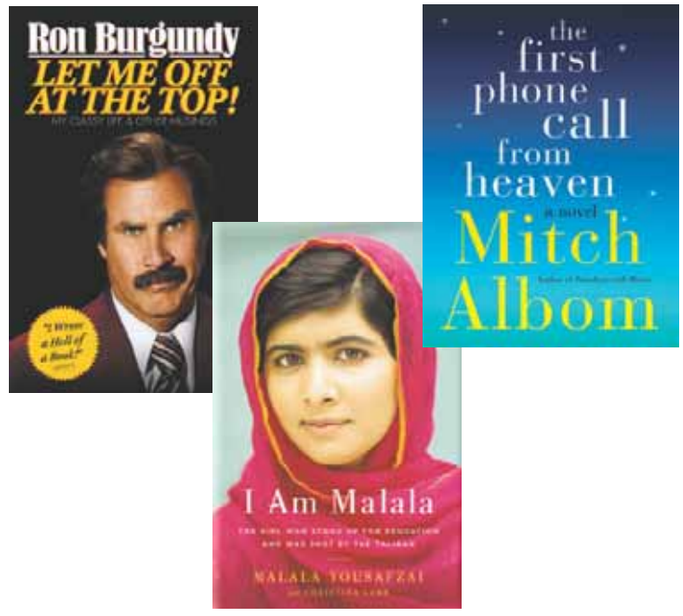

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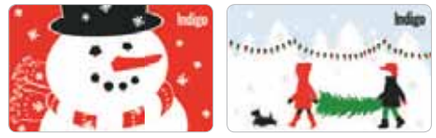

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Retirement for heroic dog

Too old to guide. Owner doesn't want to part with guide dog who leaped onto subway tracks to save him

Cecil Williams pets his guide dog, Orlando, in his hospital bed in New York City on Tuesday. JOHN MINCHILLO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cecil Williams, who has been recovering at a New York City hospital with his guide dog, Orlando, still by his side, had been slated to get another working dog in January or February to replace the 11-year-old black lab who leaped onto subway tracks after his blind owner lost consciousness and fell off the station platform.

Now, he would ideally like to have two dogs — one working and one retired as a pet — if logistics, physical abilities and finances allow.

If that's not possible, the family that raised Orlando as a puppy says it will be "absolutely thrilled to have him back," said Guiding Eyes for the Blind spokeswoman Michelle Brier. "They're very thrilled their little baby has made such a big difference."

Williams said on Tuesday that he couldn't pay for a non-working dog, so he was planning to look for a good home for Orlando. Guiding Eyes provides working dogs for free but cannot cover retired dogs' expenses.

St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital Center, where Williams is staying, has been fielding queries from well-wishers offering money and other assistance.

Williams said that if he does decide he's able to care for two dogs, he'd need help paying for the lab's care.

The organization was setting up a fund and planned to post information on its website. If it turns out Williams doesn't need the money, it will be used for other guide dogs.

Williams, 61, and Orlando both escaped serious injury Tuesday when they were bumped by a train passing over them — a miraculous end to a harrowing ordeal that began when Williams felt faint on his way to the dentist.

Witnesses said Orlando barked frantically and tried to stop Williams from tumbling off the platform. Matthew Martin told the New York Post that Orlando leaped onto the tracks as the train approached and kissed Williams to entice him to move.

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Australia. Tourist on her phone plunges off pier while browsing Facebook

A woman was walking along a bay in Melbourne on Monday night when she became distracted by her Facebook feed and plummeted off the pier into the chilly water, Victoria state police said.

A witness called for help and police rushed to the woman's aid. They found her flailing around in the water, about 20 metres from the pier.

"She was still out in the water lying on her back in a floating position because she told us later that she couldn't swim," Senior Constable Dean Kelly of the state water police told the Australian Broadcasting Corporation. "She still had her mobile phone in her hand and initially she apologized and said sorry."

The woman was taken to a hospital for treatment.

"With Facebook, or social media in general as far as we're concerned, if you're anywhere near the water just pay attention," Kelly said. "Especially if you can't swim."

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Christmas scam

Couple lied about stolen gifts: Cops

A Mississauga, Ont., couple who reported their Christmas gifts stolen — including an iPad for their son who has Down syndrome — have been charged with public mischief.

Peel police allege the pair fabricated the theft.

The man and woman claimed that they had been driving home from the mall on Saturday evening when a sheet of ice smashed their back window, causing their purchases to fly out of the vehicle and then be stolen.

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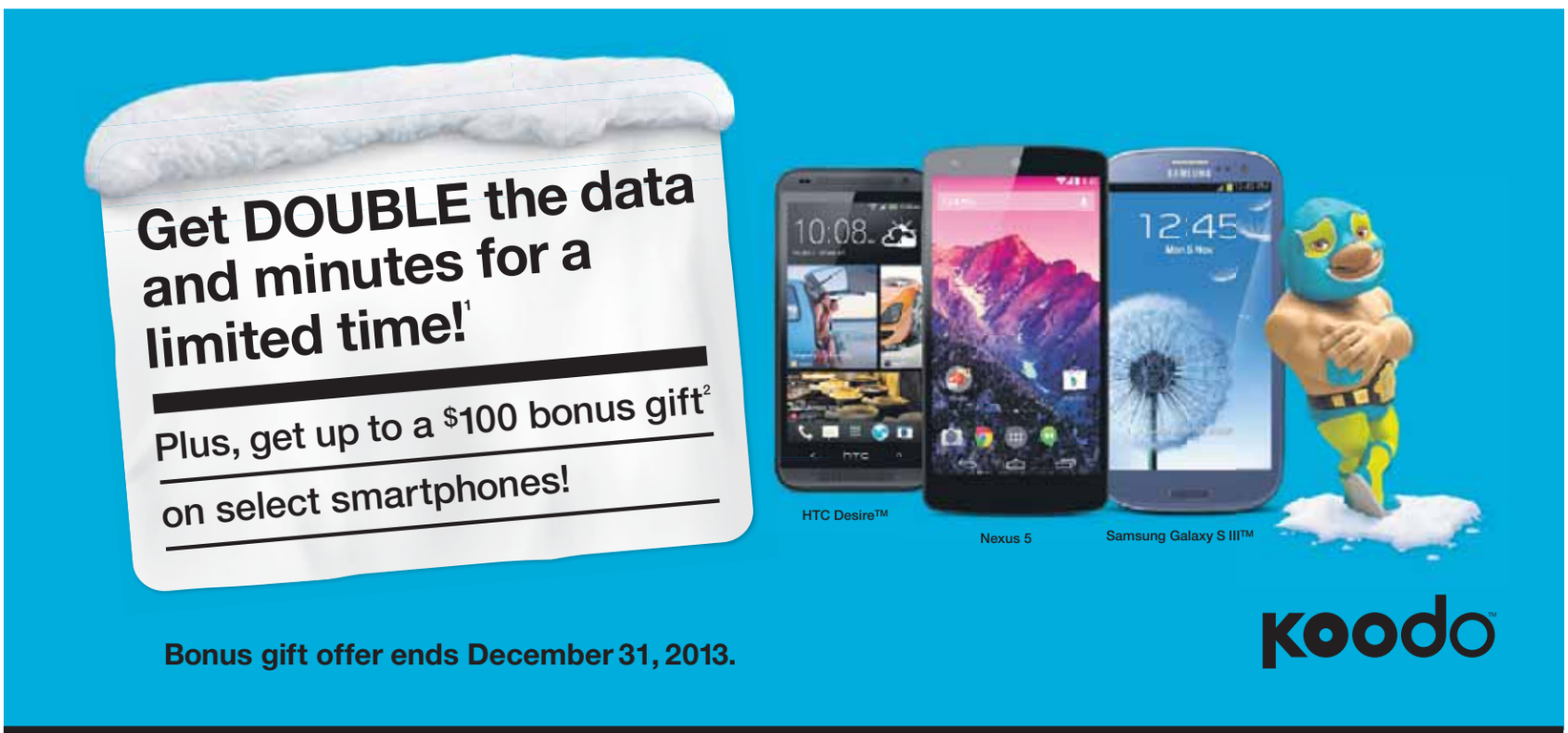
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Ethnic violence kills 500 in four days as South Sudan crisis grows

Worries of looming civil war. UN chief calls for urgent solution as 20,000 forced to seek refuge

At least 500 people, most of them soldiers, have been killed in South Sudan since Sunday, a senior government official said, as an ethnic rivalry threatened to tear apart the world's newest country.

The clashes apparently are pitting soldiers from the majority Dinka tribe of President Salva Kiir against those from ousted Vice-President Riek Machar's Nuer ethnic group, raising concerns the violence could degenerate into a civil war.

Fighting spread on Wednesday to Jonglei, the largest state in South Sudan, where troops loyal to Machar were said to be trying to take control of Bor, the state capital.

Machar himself is the subject of a manhunt by the country's military after he was identified by Kiir as the leader of an alleged coup attempt on Sunday. Machar has denied he was behind any coup attempt.

Barnaba Marial Benjamin, the foreign minister, told The Associated Press late Wednesday that there was heavy fighting in Bor, but he denied renegade soldiers had overtaken it.

At least 19 civilians have been killed in violence in Bor, said Martin Nesirky, a spokesman for the UN secretary-general's office, citing figures from the South Sudan Red Cross.

UN chief Ban Ki-moon told reporters Wednesday that South Sudan was experiencing a political crisis that "urgently needs to be dealt with through political dialogue."

Ban said he urged Kiir "to resume dialogue with the political opposition."

South Sudan has been plagued by ethnic violence since it peacefully broke away from Sudan in 2011 after decades of civil war.

The violence has forced about 20,000 people to seek refuge at UN facilities in Juba since Sunday.

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Civilians arrive at the UN mission in Juba, South Sudan, to take refuge on Tuesday. A political crisis has since Sunday turned into ethnic violence resulting in the deaths of 500 and the displacement of 20,000. ROLLA HINEDI/UNMISS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Analysis

Breakout still unclear

Casie Copeland, the South Sudan analyst for the International Crisis Group who is in Juba, said key Nuer leaders in the army were defecting in Jonglei but that "events that led to Sunday's fighting remain unclear."

Toby Lanzer, the U.N.'s humanitarian coordinator in South Sudan, said in a Twitter post that thousands of civilians in Jonglei had sought refuge at a U.N. facility there.

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Feds level out wireless playing field

David and Goliath.
Ottawa making the Big 3 play nice with smaller competitors

Canada's biggest telecom companies will be forced to renegotiate roaming rates they charge small rivals for using their networks as the federal government acts to create more competition in the telecom business.

Industry Minister James Moore said Wednesday that Ottawa is making legislative changes to prevent Rogers, Bell and Telus from making it difficult for new wireless players in the market.

"We just think the status quo is not good enough," Moore said in an interview from Ottawa.

"It's a nagging irritant to greater competition in the industry and we're fixing it," he said.

Ottawa will prevent the big wireless providers from charging small wireless companies more than they charge their own customers for domestic roaming.

Moore said the rates "can be more than 10 times what they charge their own customers."

The minister noted the government isn't regulating the price of roaming agreements, but added that Rogers, Bell and Telus can't make it impossible for new wireless companies to compete on price or take away their ability to invest in their networks.

Roaming fees are charged when customers use cellphones outside their provider's coverage area. Rogers, Bell and Telus have large national networks, but smaller providers such as Wind Mobile, Mobilicity, Maritime-based Eastlink and Quebec's Videotron have to negotiate agreements with the Big Three to give their customers service across the country when they travel.

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The not-so-invisible hand

Industry Minister James Moore also said he still thinks it's possible to have a fourth wireless player in every region of the country, the government's aim in the Jan. 14 auction of wireless spectrum — the radio waves needed to operate cellphone networks.

Getting fourth players off the bench

"We do have fourth players in many markets of this country, but they're regional and not national. I think more competition can be realized."
Industry Minister James Moore

You spin me right 'round, Copenhagen Wheel

Assaf Biderman, co-inventor of the Copenhagen Wheel and associate director of the SENSEable City Laboratory at MIT, poses with his invention at Superpedestrian, his venture-backed company in Cambridge, Mass. The startup is launching a new device that transforms almost any bicycle into an electric-hybrid vehicle using an app on a smartphone. The Copenhagen Wheel is installed as part of a rear hub of a bike wheel and is packed with a computer, batteries and sensors that monitor how hard a rider is pedalling and activate an onboard motor whenever needed.
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Evolve or die

Canada Post head defends cuts, rate hikes

The head of Canada Post says the corporation needs to make major changes to stay alive in the digital age.

Deepak Chopra appeared before a Commons committee Wednesday, where he defended the Crown agency's proposals to cut service and raise rates. The Canada Post CEO told the transport committee that the postal service must evolve to survive.

And that, he said, means concentrating more on delivering packages and less on putting paper letters in mail boxes.

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I think I've finally found my calling — specifically, my turkey calling.

This holiday season, millions of Canadians from coast to coast will spend hours on the painstaking preparation of their Christmas turkey. And I want to take them under my wing.

You probably don't realize this, but I have been certified as the best Metro columnist/turkey preparer who uses my keyboard. And it's not often you hear those sorts of qualifications. In fact, family members and co-workers alike have long said that when they hear "turkey" they think "John Mazerolle."

I owe my love and intimate knowledge of turkey to the Internet. Namely, butterball.com, which I can say without hyperbole is the best-turkey preparation website I have ever seen this week while preparing for a column that is due in less than an hour.

Butterball's setup is really something. Did you know that for decades they've had a 1-800 line that people can call if they're having turkey trouble?

You call and "turkey experts" help you with what one recent television news report called "your turkey crisis." This is fabulous. I can't count the number of times some turkey-related event has cropped up in my life and I acted like a bird-brain — my prom night/pet turkey "incident," just for starters. And help was only a phone call away.

"Open every November and December, our 50+ experts answer more than 100,000 questions, in both English and Spanish, for thousands of households around the United States and Canada," the website chirps.

What's more, the turkey-talk call centre even added something special this year for the very first time: men.

This is where my calling comes in: I want to talk turkey. As a certified turkey expert, I would like be part of this important and trailblazing team.

For instance, I could explain to guys like me the importance of making sure the bird is not past its best-before date. (In my 20s I had several turkeys I received as Christmas bonuses ruined by two years in the freezer. When the third turkey arrived, the two-year-old bird would get the boot.)

I also believe I could help with the efficiency of those 100,000-plus calls. I can assure you that by about the 300th time I was asked where the meat thermometer goes, I would have several alternative answers at the ready.

Without being sexist, I think I can say men deal with problems in their own special way. I'm sure the women giving thoughtful, detailed instructions over the phone will appreciate the counterpoint of me barking, "What do you mean it won't fit, force it!" and "It's fiiine, I'm sure it's fiiine. It's probably fine."

I must admit, also, that I like the idea of joining this flock because I assume all-you-can-eat turkey is a job perk. Which will be great for me, because despite my credentials and intimate knowledge of turkey, I've never actually cooked one successfully. White and dark meat, please. And cranberries if you've got them. Gobble gobble.

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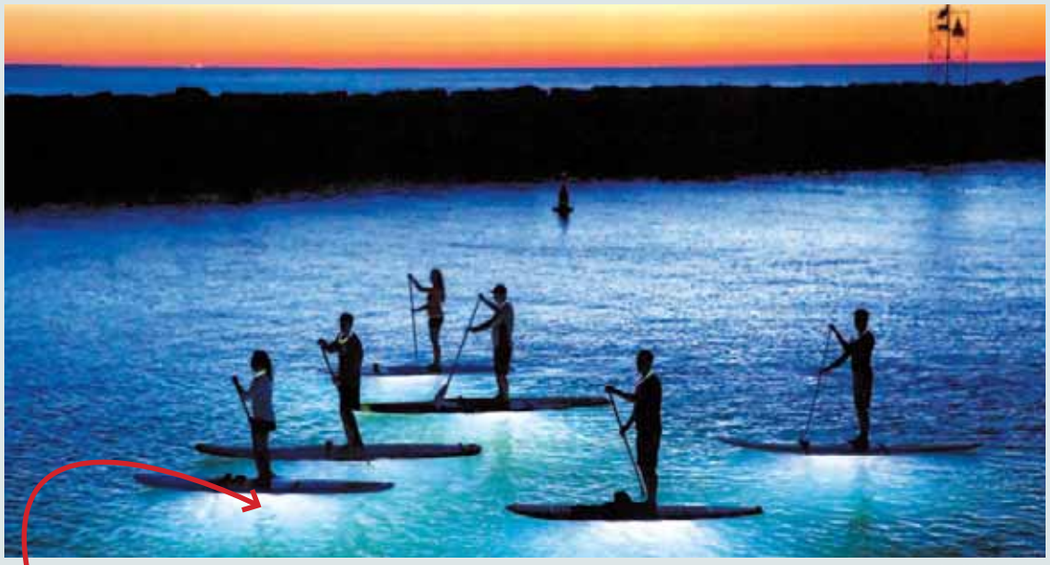
Glow with the flow



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LED lights added to paddle boards

The dark silhouettes of moonlit paddlers appear to be walking on water. The standup paddleboarding enthusiasts took to the water with specially made LED lights strapped to the bottom of their boards. The surreal image captures the moment Justin Labdon and his team of boarders headed out of a harbour in Dennis, Mass., one night.

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"Standing on the jetty photographing down, what I saw was even more beautiful and surreal than I was expecting."

Julia Cumes, 41, photographer based in Cape Cod, Mass.

Sea life attracted to board lights

The LED lights strapped to the bottom of the boards attract fish, including squid, blue fish and big striped bass, says Justin Labdon, owner of Adventure Chatham. Asked by Metro whether the light would entice larger predatory sea life, Labdon replied, "We don't venture out to shark-inhabited areas, but I would assume they might be attracted to the light as well." METRO

LED water sports

- $300 per LED-lit paddle board.
- AdventureChatham offers night-time paddle boarding excursions when there is a full moon out.
- Paddles with LED lights at the end are being considered as his company's next novelty water sports experience, says Labdon.

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If you've yet to complete your Christmas shopping by now, then you're in for a wild ride — looking for a parking spot at the mall, that is. A congested parking lot full of drivers with short fuses can turn into a real-life nightmare before Christmas. These apps will make looking for a parking spot the least of your worries during the busy shopping season.

Parkopedia:

This app works on all mobile platforms and is like Wikipedia for parking spaces. The creators have set out to map every parking lot and parking space in the world and so far has data, contributed by users, from 28 countries, covering over 25 million parking spots. The app can give directions to the parking space, and provide real-time availability, prices and payment options.

ParkMe:

ParkMe is an award-winning free app for iOS and Android that works to help you find the cheapest and closest parking spaces by providing the cost of parking before you arrive at your destination and lets you compare options. This app works in the U.S., Canada and in European cities.

Twitter

@metropicks asked: Calgary cabbies are eyeing a puke penalty to cover the cleanup cost. What is a sufficient penalty for puking in a cab?

@Cory_Boehm: A minimum of $200 seems more than reasonable.

@Canucklehead_ca: So drunk you puke in a cab? I suspect the next morning will present it's own penalty. Maybe two if you have an unknown guest.

@ryanjordandyck: can we get back to the real cab issue? Horrible customer service and lack of accountability? #yyc

@DeafPoet5: I dispatch at an Edmonton company. The going rate for screaming groceries is about $75, depending on how vile the mess is.

@jpmacnab: I think it is $ 50 in Ottawa

@santanapoptarts: barf bags extra large size and $10 keep it real, but the puker must realize its gross and ur in a cab #poordriver

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Even Elementary's Jon Michael Hill doesn't have a clue about next season

What a mystery. Actor says he never knows from writers what's in store for Detective Marcus Bell

MICHELLE CASTILLO
Metro World News in London

Jon Michael Hill, far right, plays Detective Marcus Bell in the series Elementary. CONTRIBUTED

Elementary fans who are sleuthing for clues about the next season will be just as surprised as actor Jon Michael Hill when all the twists and turns are revealed.

Hill, who plays Detective Marcus Bell in the Sherlock Holmes-inspired series, admitted that he doesn't call up the writers in order to find out what's next for his character and his cohorts.

"It's been, you know, difficult not to have more information, but that just means you get to use your imagination more, which is what I love to do," he explained.

The actor said that he didn't know anything about the famed detective before signing on to the series either.

After meeting with show creator Robert Doherty, he went out and bought an anthology of all the Sherlock Holmes stories and was instantly hooked.

"I was very surprised at how wild his character really is and it's great to see the kind of, you know, the little things that Jonny (Lee Miller, who plays Sherlock) picks up and tries to use and the spin they put on the addiction angle of it," he said.

That doesn't mean that Hill doesn't have any suggestions for where his character's storyline should go.

Character development

"...you get to use your imagination more, which is what I love to do."

Jon Michael Hill
On not having more information about his character, Detective Marcus Bell

For one thing, he wants them to bring back his incarcerated brother, Andre Bell. He'd also like to learn more about his character's mother.

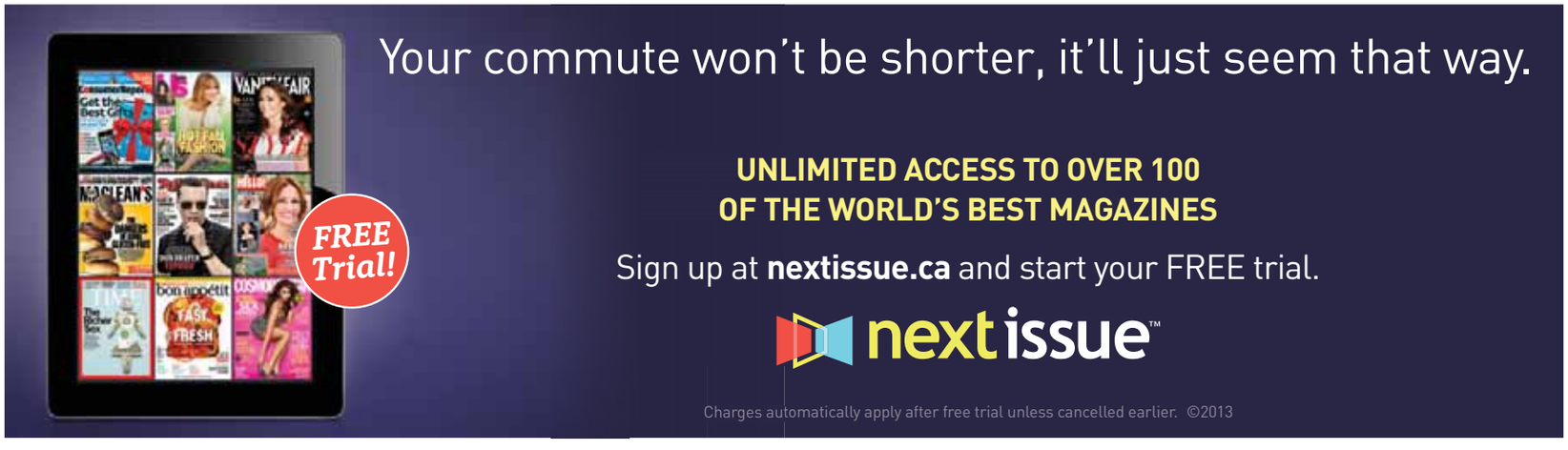
But, one thing he isn't clamouring for is another love interest. "I don't really care, they can do what they want with that," he said. "The last girlfriend they gave me, the ex ended up trying to kill me!"

Though Hill had training on how to portray a detective after playing Detective Damon Washington in Detroit 1-8-7, he said Bell is a completely different character.

He had fun playing the family man Washington, but he admits that the situations Hill gets into because of Sherlock and Watson are more interesting in general.

Hill says he still works with the cops who act as technical advisors on set to make sure the show is true to life and to provide him with inspiration for his character.

"They're always really cool and they've got stories for days," he explained. "It's really crazy, and they kind of take pride in having the stories that they think might make you squirm."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Five films to get you in a non-festive mood

Gone Girl. The man behind Madea says working with David Fincher was 'awe-inspiring'

There are holiday flicks and then there are flicks set during the holidays. Two very different things, each offering their own twist on all the naughty and nice things the season has to offer.

For those of you looking for a Christmas-flavoured flick that doesn't hit you over the head with tinsel and carols, here are five movies with at least a passing reference to the holidays that are otherwise focused on non-festive things.

Needless to say, they tend not to be family friendly, so parental discretion is advised

In Bruges

You'd have to pay attention to realize this dark comedy actually takes place during the holiday season — the only references are casual asides and the occasional shot of Christmas decorations in the background. And the plot itself is hardly cheer-filled: It centres on two hitmen, played by Colin Farrell and Brendan Gleeson, who are sent to Belgium to lay low after an especially messy job.

Iron Man 3

Writer/director Shane Black clearly has a thing about Christmas. Many of his flicks — including Iron Man 3 — take place during the holiday season, among them Lethal Weapon, The Last Boy Scout, The Long Kiss Goodnight and Kiss Kiss Bang Bang. There's something about a Christmas setting that ably unites varied characters and pulls together a sprawling storyline while driving home key plot points, while blowing stuff up, of course.

Goodfellas

This Martin Scorsese classic makes the cut by way of the fact it spans several decades and therefore includes a holiday-themed scene, and it is a doozy featuring Robert De Niro's trademark intensity: After a lucrative heist leaves the mobsters flush with cash, some arrive at a holiday party flaunting the spoils, sending De Niro's pragmatic Jimmy into a fury for attracting unwanted attention.

About a Boy

The holiday shmaltz sneaks up on you in this Hugh Grant romantic comedy about a self-absorbed bachelor who is more humbug than ho-ho-ho. Until he befriends a young boy and the boy's suicidal mum, of course, and gradually learns there's more to life than hook-ups and his posh hipster toys. Added holiday points come from the fact Grant's character lives on royalties from his father's song Santa's Super Sleigh.

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo

This is hardly holiday fare, unless you count perverse family dysfunction as a key hallmark of your seasonal gatherings. The horrors kick off several days before Dec. 25 and unfold through a bitterly cold Scandinavian winter. It centres on a dogged journalist, played by Michael Nyqvist in the 2009 Swedish-language version and Daniel Craig in the 2011 remake.

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What do Pulp Fiction and Mary Poppins have in common?

Preserving culture.
The U.S. Library of Congress has unveiled the films they're inducting into the National Film Registry

Just in time for a new movie about the making of Mary Poppins, the 1964 Disney classic starring Julie Andrews and Dick Van Dyke has been selected for preservation at the Library of Congress so future generations of Americans can see it.

On Wednesday, the library is inducting 25 films into the National Film Registry to be preserved for their cultural, historical or cinematic significance.

This year's selections include Quentin Tarantino's Pulp Fiction, the space race film The Right Stuff, and Michael Moore's documentary confronting the auto industry, Roger and Me.

Curators said it was a coincidence that they selected Mary Poppins just ahead of its 50th anniversary and during the release of the new Disney film Saving Mr. Banks, which is about the making of the movie. Steve Leggett, program coordinator for the library's National Film Preservation Board, said Mary Poppins had been on the short list of picks many times before.

"It's just a title that everyone has seen and recognizes, and the musical numbers and just the Julie Andrews and the shim-sh-im-a-ree — it's just become a real, imbued part of our culture," he said.

The films chosen this year span from 1919 to 2002 and include Hollywood classics, documentaries, silent films, independent flicks and experimental pictures. Congress created the program in 1989 to ensure that gems from American movie history are preserved for years to come.

Some are chosen for their influence on movies that would follow, as with Pulp Fiction from 1994. The film board called it a milestone for independent cinema, and Leggett noted Tarantino's "stylized violence and kind of strangeness" in the cinematography of the film.

Mary Poppins is guaranteed to be preserved for future generations.
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Older films often become in danger of being lost, said Librarian of Congress James Billington, "so we must protect the nation's matchless film heritage and cinematic creativity."

This year's selections represent the "extreme vitality and diversity of American film heritage," Leggett said. Many illustrate American culture and society from their times, he said.

The oldest films joining the registry this year are from the silent era. They include 1920's Daughter of Dawn, which featured an all-Native-American cast of Comanche and Kiowa people, with a fictional love story and a record of Native American traditions of the time.

The 1919 silent film A Virtuous Vamp, a spoof on workplace romance, made Constance Talmadge an early film star. And Ella Cinders from 1926 featured the famous actress Colleen Moore.

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Films in danger

Earlier this month, the Library of Congress released a study that found 70 per cent of America's feature-length silent films have already been lost. Original prints of even newer movies, such as Michael Moore's Roger and Me from 1989, have become endangered. In a statement to the library, Moore said he learned last year there were no more usable prints left of his film.

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Is this what he's been hustling for?

American Hustle. Director David O. Russell says all his filmmaking has led up to this movie

American Hustle opens Friday. CONTRIBUTED

Given director David O. Russell's recent track record, it's no surprise expectations are high for his latest holiday release, American Hustle.

The sprawling star-packed thriller — the followup to last year's Oscar-winning crowd-pleaser Silver Linings Playbook — heads to Canadian theatres this weekend after making it onto a slew of critics' best-of-2013 lists and garnering key early awards nominations.

Russell demurs any suggestion the 1970s-set American Hustle could be on the same buzz-laden Oscar track as his 2012 feel-good romance starring Jennifer Lawrence and Bradley Cooper, or the Oscar run enjoyed by his brutal 2010 holiday release, The Fighter, with Christian Bale and Amy Adams.

But he does admit his brazen, fictionalized take on the Abscam tale marks a new career benchmark, which he credits in large part to the bonds it cements with returning players Bale, Cooper, Adams and Lawrence, each featured in radically different roles.

"They understand the world they're in and then they can all channel that dream and it allows magical things to happen.... that's what this is," Russell said in a recent interview from New York, describing his core cast as "collaborators" in his vision. "And this didn't happen to me before in my filmmaking — I feel like all my filmmaking was sort of leading up to this work."

An outlandish no-holds-barred spirit pervades the hair-obsessed, sequin-adorned world of American Hustle, where an array of hustlers scheme and plot their way to dreams of love and respect. It's loosely inspired by an actual FBI sting that netted members of Congress for accepting bribes from a fake Arab sheik, but veers in wild directions as it explores desperate people hungry for acceptance.

Bale is nearly unrecognizable as pot-bellied con man Irving Rosenfeld, who is forced to help Cooper's wild FBI agent Richie DiMaso in an increasingly reckless scheme to nab corrupt politicians and casino-skimming mobsters.

Russell says he and Bale sketched their ideas about Irving, a character inspired by a real con man named Melvin Weinberg, in Bale's backyard in Los Angeles about a year ago.

"The film is really about reinvention and survival and that was the larger idea that really interested Christian Bale and me while we were in his backyard — it was not any kind of cynical story but (rather) a very soulful story about people who loved life and loved each other but were facing some enormous predicament," he says, drawing comparisons to the conflicted characters of Silver Linings Playbook and The Fighter.

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"The film is really about reinvention and survival"

Director David O. Russell on what interested Christian Bale about this project

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Tyler Perry is happy he made the time to work on Gone Girl with David Fincher. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tyler Perry takes a turn for the serious

Gone Girl. The man behind Madea says working with David Fincher was 'awe-inspiring'

Tyler Perry writes, directs, stars in and produces his own movies and TV shows, so he doesn't have much time for outside projects. One he's glad he made work is a role in director David Fincher's upcoming film Gone Girl.

Based on the bestselling novel by Gillian Flynn, Gone Girl is the story of a man who comes under suspicion in the disappearance of his wife.

The movie, scheduled for release next October, stars Ben Affleck and Rosamund Pike.

Gone Girl is "the most educational, awe-inspiring thing that I've ever done," Perry said in a recent interview.

"Sitting in his presence, in his genius, the man is a genius," he said of Fincher. "It really makes me go, 'Whoa, let me just stop and take this in,' so it's been wonderful."

And, as one filmmaker to another, he's humbled by working with the Oscar-nominated director.

"I'm a storyteller. That man is a di-rec-tor. He is amazing. And to watch him work and to watch how he paints his pictures, the tableaus, everything is really just beyond anything I could ever imagine."

Perry plays Madea, a big and boisterous grandmother he's made popular in previous movies, in Tyler Perry's A Madea Christmas, now in theatres.

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Tyler Perry on working on Gone Girl with Oscar-nominated director David Fincher

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Willis and wife expecting baby number two

Bruce Willis is reportedly set to be a father once again, with wife Emma Heming expecting the couple's second child, according to Us Weekly. Willis and Heming are also parents to one-year-old daughter Mabel, while Willis also has three daughters — Rumer, Scout and Tallulah — with ex-wife Demi Moore.

Kelly LeBrock

LeBrock arrested for driving under the influence

Weird Science star Kelly LeBrock was arrested on suspicion of driving under the influence following a routine traffic stop in Santa Barbara last month, according to E! News. The model and actress — famous for her "don't hate me because I'm beautiful" Pantene ads from the '80s — failed to stop at a stop sign and was exceeding the speed limit and straddling the double yellow line when cops pulled her over. She then reportedly failed field sobriety tests and was arrested "without incident."

The Word

Lawrence condemns fat insults

Jennifer Lawrence is going on the offensive when it comes to Hollywood's warped body image standards. "I just think it should be illegal to call somebody fat on TV," the star tells Barbara Walters in an interview. "Because why is humiliating people funny? I get it, and I do it too, we all do it. But I think when it comes to the media, the media needs to take responsibility for the effect that it has on our younger generation, on these girls who are watching these television shows and picking up how to talk and how to be cool."

Julia Roberts

Roberts did not relish a bit of rough and tumble with Streep

Surprisingly, Julia Roberts didn't relish the opportunity to tackle Meryl Streep and wrestle her to the carpet in August: Osage County, she revealed during a post-premiere Q & A. "I didn't look forward to it," Roberts says. "It's not how I saw the dream of my time with Meryl Streep. But she was a worthy opponent. She was not going down without some scratches and some heels in thighs." And while there were stunt personnel on hand to help the actresses, Roberts handled her tackling herself, apparently. "Julia didn't need a stunt double because she's plenty tough," Streep says.

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Forget trying to break your giftees down into the usual gift guide categories of personality type or price. We spoke to identical twin sisters Tali and Ophira Edut, a.k.a .The AstroTwins, to find out what each star sign typically desires when it comes to the season of goodwill.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Aries

"As a fire sign, Aries are very competitive, so accessories that draw attention and frame the face would be good options."

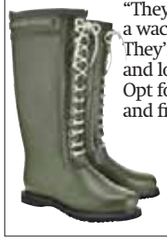
Maison Michel boater $616, net-a-porter.com

Taurus

"The bull likes purposeful items, like pajamas and shoes, with an understated design."

Frends Layla leather and rose gold headphones $214, net-a-porter.com

Gemini



"They have a bit of a wacky, boho style. They're very curious and love to explore. Opt for natural fabrics and fruity fragrances."

Ilse Jacobsen lace up wellies $164, gift-library.com

Libra

"Libras love presents that look pretty and cosmetics that feel indulgent rather than just practical."

Laura Mercier almond coconut milk honey bath $51, johnlewis.com

Scorpio

"Scorpios love to embrace a dramatic atmosphere. They have expensive taste and love exclusives."

Elle Macpherson Intimates lace bra $57, net-a-porter.com

Sagittarius

"They travel a lot, items that make plane rides and road trips easier or more fun would be good options."

Lotus Wei Pure Energy mist, $48, beingcontent.com

Cancer

"They have an almost grandmotherly style, which extends to their wardrobe, too."

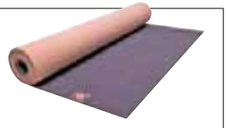
Penhaligon's Bluebell eau de toilette $140, penhaligons.com

Leo

"Leos are very outgoing and love to socialize, so look for gifts that have a cool and unusual pattern."

Marc by Marc Jacobs tablet case $40.60, shopbop.com

Virgo



"Anything that encourages relaxation and sends them a subtle sign that they need to unwind"

eKO lite yoga mat $48, manduka.com

Capricorn

"Capricorns want good quality items with a minimalist design. "

Leather wrap gloves $64, stories.com

Aquarius

"Anything that embraces their boho, wacky style would be warmly welcomed."

Lucy Folk silver taco bracelet $115, matchesfashion.com

Pisces

"Pisceans adore anything mystical. Ideas include natural and precious materials to create a serene atmosphere or channeling positive vibes."

Essential oil soy wax candle $30, bsabcandles.com

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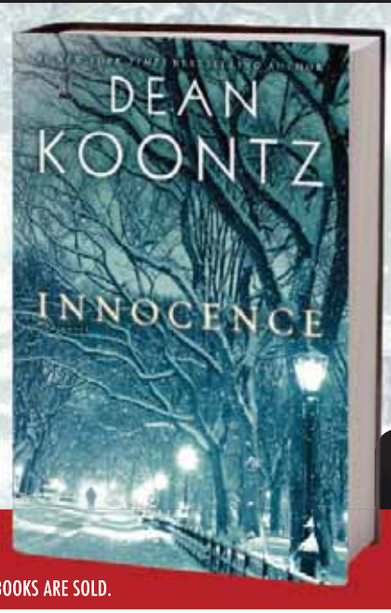

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Mid-century mash-up

The 1950s and '60s have offered up a lot of home-decor inspiration over the past year — anything retro or vintage-influenced is hot-hot-hot. The look is a mishmash of past design that can encompass a trip to the parental basement or a hunt through a vintage shop, and retailers have cleverly channelled it. Here are some trendy and stylish products to transport you back to a Mad Men era.

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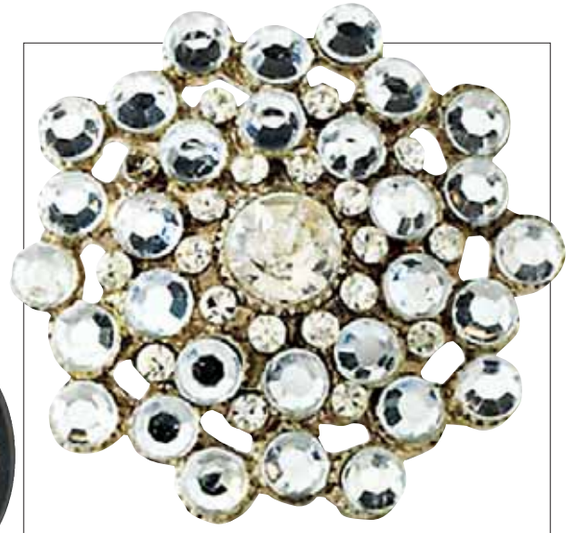
Shiny citrus tones against deep grey stoneware lends retro style to dinner parties. Verte Dinnerware 16-piece set, $79, urbanbarn.com.



Adorn your dresser with heirloom-style brooches without robbing Mom's jewel box. Keepsake Brooch Knob, $14 US, anthropologie.com.

Save your quarters with this modernized pay phone and savings bank all in one; the perfect wall phone for calling a taxi. Crosley Vintage Style Pay Telephone, $90, sears.ca.

Light up your chandelier in true '70s style. 25-watt Chandelier Light Bulb set of four, $24 US, urbanoutfitters.com.

Inspired by late '50s Danish mid-century design; open and airy for a light look. Patrik Accent Chair, $1,600, thebay.com.

Straight out of Granny's china cabinet, fanciful flatware dresses up a modern table. Flores Flatware, from $7 per piece, zarahome.com.

No need to be bitter if the eggplant sandwiches turn out a little cheesy

Ingredients

4 portions

- 1 whole egg
- 2 tbsp water or 2% milk
- 1 cup seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 3 tbsp chopped fresh parsley
- 3 tbsp grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 tsp minced fresh garlic
- 10 slices of eggplant, skin on
- 3/4 cup tomato sauce
- 1/2 cup shredded part-skim mozzarella cheese
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan

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Eggplant, a healthy vegetable, is often loaded with fat and calories from the amount of oil used in frying or sautéing it.

This baked version omits the oil, and it turns out great! Purchase fresh young eggplant; when overripe, it becomes bitter. If the skin doesn't spring back when pressed, then it's too old.

1. Preheat the oven to 425°F (220°C). Spray a large baking sheet with cooking oil

2. Whisk the egg with the water in a small bowl. Combine the bread crumbs, parsley, Parmesan and garlic on a plate, mixing well. Dip the eggplant in the egg mixture, then coat with the bread crumb mixture. Place on the prepared pan. Bake, turning once, for 20 minutes or until tender.

3. Spread half of the tomato sauce in a large casserole dish. Place 5 eggplant slices over top. Top each with remaining tomato sauce. Add half the mozzarella cheese and top with remaining eggplant slices. Top with remaining mozzarella and Parmesan. Bake for five minutes or until the cheese is melted.

Preparation time 10 minutes
Cooking time 25 minutes

Cheesy Eggplant Sandwiches

A delicious combination of eggplant and cheese. ROSE REISMAN

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Holiday meals can be tricky with guests who have allergies or special needs. This handy reference will help you pick out replacement ingredients without changing recipes or abandoning family traditions.

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Do something original with sweet potatoes

Orange sweet potatoes swirled with Parmesan cauliflower puree. HANDOUT

Ingredients

- 4 large sweet potatoes
- 16 ounces cauliflower florets, fresh or frozen
- 4 tablespoons butter, divided
- Zest of 1 orange
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 cup shredded Parmesan

Sweet potatoes generally get one of three treatments at the dinner table. They are mashed like regular potatoes; they are roasted like squash, or they are saturated with sugar until they no longer resemble a vegetable. This is a nice alternative.

Heat the oven to 400 F. Poke the sweet potatoes all over with a fork.

Place the sweet potatoes directly on the oven's centre rack and bake for 1 hour, or until completely tender.

While the sweet potatoes cook, steam the cauliflower. Set a steamer basket in a medium saucepan with 1/2 inch of water. Place the saucepan over medium-high heat and add the cauliflower to the steamer basket. Cover and cook until the cauliflower is very tender, about 15 minutes. Remove the cauliflower from the steamer and set aside. When the sweet potatoes are baked, let them cool until easily handled.

Peel the sweet potatoes, then place the flesh in a large bowl. Add 3 tablespoons of the butter and the orange zest, then mash well. Season with salt and pepper, cover the bowl and set aside.

Place the steamed cauliflower and the remaining 1 tablespoon of butter in the food processor. Process until pureed. Add the Parmesan, then pulse to combine. Add the cauliflower puree to the sweet potatoes, using a spoon to swirl the two together without completely mixing them.

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Recipe. Grilled mango and brie quesadillas

Ingredients

- 1 mango, peeled and chopped
- 1 jalapeno pepper, seeded and minced
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) minced red onion
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) chopped fresh cilantro
- Juice of 1 lime
- 250 g (8 oz) brie, thinly sliced
- 8 tortillas (25 cm/10 inches in diameter)

In a small bowl, combine mango, jalapeno, onion and cilantro. Add lime juice, mixing well to combine. (Make ahead: Prepare mango salsa up to 2 hours in advance. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate.)

Divide brie evenly among tortillas, laying it on the lower half. Divide mango salsa evenly on top of brie. Fold each tortilla in half.

Preheat contact grill. (If your contact grill has more than one temperature setting, set it to high.)

Spray both sides of contact grill with vegetable cooking spray or oil. Place quesadillas on grill with folded side closest to front edge. (This prevents cheese from running down into the drip tray.)

Close lid. Grill for 2 to 3 minutes or until golden brown and crisp.

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The Flames fell 2-0 on the road to the Boston Bruins on Tuesday night and sit in second-last place in the Western Conference. JARED WICKERHAM/GETTY IMAGES

Getting fleeced cost Feaster in the end

THE HOCKEY NEWS
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In the end, Jay Feaster was probably too nice a guy for his own good. In an industry where you have to be one part perceptive, one part crafty and one part ruthless, he didn't have enough of the latter to survive as GM of the Flames.

I was a fan of Feaster's before the Flames hired him to serve under the quagmire regime of Darryl Sutter. He couldn't take over soon enough for my liking. While I thought Feaster was misguided in his belief the Flames of a few years ago were still a couple players away from being contenders, I did like some things he did.

He identified players with skill and high hockey IQs and Calgary's system is now well stocked with good to very good prospects. He imposed a no post-apex edict in securing new Flames and the team is now well balanced at different age levels, which makes refining the roster more manageable.

But there were times when I wished Feaster had sharper teeth for the sake of the organization. Several things he did the past 30 months struck me as being too soft.

I wish Feaster had dug in his heels in dealing with ownership on the Ales Kotalik and Robyn Regehr salary dump. Ales, you're playing in the AHL next year, and Buffalo, you're giving me draft picks (not the other way around) if you want Regehr.

Iggy, you gave us four teams you'd accept a trade to so sign off now, please. Pittsburgh, you're giving me a top prospect and a first-round pick if you want Iginla. Boston, the Penguins made a good offer, how much better can you make yours. Guys, I don't like what's being offered; I'm shopping him elsewhere (bluff).

Kipper, your no-trade clause expired a year ago. I'll let you know soon where you're going.

St. Louis, I want Rattie, a first- and a second-round pick for Jay Bouwmeester. If not, he's going to Detroit. Oh, and Murray, we're retaining a chunk of JBo's contract because it means we get more in return. Colorado, I'm not taking two big, long ugly contracts and fringe players for Tanguay without a pick thrown in.

Maybe Feaster did all these things and it didn't work. I don't think so. I am sorry to see a nice guy go. But you know what they say about nice guys.

NHL

Jagr helps Devils top Senators

Jaromir Jagr scored his 693rd career goal, Reid Boucher netted his first in the NHL and the New Jersey Devils beat the Ottawa Senators 5-2 Wednesday night.

Jagr moved past Steve Yzerman and into sole possession of eighth place on the NHL goals list, one behind Mark Messier for seventh. The 41-year-old Jagr's first power-play goal of the season gave him a team-leading 12 goals.

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NHL

Steen signs on for 3 years in St. Louis

The St. Louis Blues have agreed to a $17.4-million US, three-year contract extension with forward Alex Steen.

Steen has 22 goals and 14 assists in 33 games this season. The 22 goals are tied for second in the NHL, trailing only Alex Ovechkin of the Washington Capitals.

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NBA

Heat handle rival Pacers in Miami

Dwyane Wade scored 32 points, Ray Allen hit a go-ahead 3-pointer with just under a minute left and the Miami Heat erased a 15-point deficit in the second half to beat the Indiana Pacers 97-94 on Wednesday night.

LeBron James scored 24 on a bad left ankle for the Heat, who closed within a game of the East-leading Pacers. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Mellisa set to make final Olympic slide

Sochi 2014. Eckville, Atla., athlete named to Winter Games team for third and final time

Mellisa Hollingsworth of Eckville, Alta., celebrates with schoolchildren after being named to the 2014 Olympic Skeleton team in Calgary on Wednesday.
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Unlike her two previous Olympic Games, Mellisa Hollingsworth heads to Sochi, Russia, less of a favourite and more an underdog. She's fine with that.

Hollingsworth, from Eckville, Alta., joined Sarah Reid and John Fairbairn of Calgary and Eric Neilson of Kelowna, B.C., as the first skeleton racers named to Canada's 2014 Olympic team Wednesday. Another man and woman may be added to the skeleton team in January.

Reid, Fairbairn and Neilson are Olympic rookies. The 33-year-old Hollingsworth says her third Winter Games will be her last and she does not intend to bow out quietly.

"I'm definitely ready to step up to the plate," she declared. "I'm still striving. I'm not there to participate, I'll tell you that."

Hollingsworth owns over 30 world championship and World Cup medals.

The last time many Canadians saw her, Hollingsworth was tearfully apologizing on national television for finishing fifth in the 2010 Winter Olympics.

Hollingsworth won a bronze medal in 2006, so the pressure to win a medal at home was enormous.

Heading to Sochi, she's felt empowered by Canadians' reactions to her public despair almost four years ago.

"I feel a lot stronger from that experience," she said. "A lot of that has come from Canada's support of people not throwing me under the bus for not winning a medal at those Olympics."

She won silver at the 2012 world championship, but fell short of the criteria for automatic nomination to the 2014 Olympic team.

Reid and Neilson both met the standard of four top-six World Cup results last season and in the first half of this season.

Fairbairn earned Canada's second male spot because he is currently Canada's top-ranked male in the spot.

Hollingsworth ranked No. 2 among Canadian women behind Reid to earn the second female berth. Cassie Hawrysh of Brandon, Man., and Robynne Thompson of Calgary are in the running for the possible third position on the women's team. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Pumped for the Games

"I'm the strongest and fastest that I've ever been."

Olympian Melissa Hollingsworth describes her fitness ahead of Sochi 2014

Winter Games

Montgomery a long shot for Sochi skeleton team

The man who gave the host country one of its most memorable moments of the 2010 Winter Olympics faces long odds to compete at the next Winter Games.

Jon Montgomery's gold medal in skeleton at the Whistler Sliding Centre and his subsequent auctioning off of a pitcher of beer in the village square elevated him to folk-hero status.

But the 34-year-old from Russell, Man., might not make the 2014 team for Sochi, Russia, in February.

Montgomery's results the last season and a half have yet to meet Bobsleigh Canada Skeleton's qualification criteria.

He needs to hit the ball out of the park and also have a little luck in the four races he has left to qualify before Jan. 19.

"Unfortunately for me, I'm fighting an uphill battle in that regard," Montgomery said Wednesday in Calgary. "I would guess the way things have gone it would be nothing short of winning the four races before that deadline." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

ATLANTIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Boston	34	23	9	2	94	70	48
Montreal	36	21	12	3	91	76	45
Tampa Bay	34	20	11	3	93	82	43
Detroit	36	15	12	9	91	99	39
Toronto	36	17	16	3	99	105	37
Ottawa	36	14	16	6	101	118	34
Florida	35	13	17	5	81	110	31
Buffalo	34	8	23	3	59	98	19

METROPOLITAN DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Pittsburgh	36	25	10	1	112	78	51
Washington	34	18	13	3	107	102	39
Carolina	34	14	13	7	79	94	35
Philadelphia	34	15	15	4	81	93	34
NY Rangers	35	16	17	2	79	95	34
New Jersey	35	14	15	6	83	87	34
Columbus	34	14	16	4	87	95	32
NY Islanders	35	9	19	7	85	121	25

Wednesday's results
New Jersey 5 Ottawa 2
Pittsburgh 4 NY Rangers 3 (SO)
Tuesday's results
Boston 2 Calgary 0
Buffalo 4 Winnipeg 2
Tampa Bay 3 NY Islanders 2 (SO)
Florida 3 Toronto 1
Anaheim 5 Detroit 2
Montreal 3 Phoenix 1
Philadelphia 5 Washington 2
Minnesota 3 Vancouver 2 (SO)
San Jose 4 St. Louis 2
Chicago 3 Nashville 1
Dallas 3 Colorado 2
Los Angeles 3 Edmonton 0
Thursday's games
All Times Eastern
Phoenix at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Minnesota at Pittsburgh, 7 p.m.
Boston at Buffalo, 7 p.m.
Columbus at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Calgary at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
Nashville at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.
Florida at Ottawa, 7:30 p.m.
Montreal at St. Louis, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Colorado, 9:30 p.m.
San Jose at Los Angeles, 10:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

CENTRAL DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Chicago	37	25	7	5	138	102	55
St. Louis	33	22	7	4	114	80	48
Colorado	33	22	10	1	96	78	45
Minnesota	36	20	11	5	84	83	45
Dallas	33	16	12	5	95	101	37
Nashville	34	16	15	3	78	95	35
Winnipeg	36	15	16	5	95	106	35

PACIFIC DIVISION

	GP	W	L	OL	GF	GA	Pt
Anaheim	36	24	7	5	116	91	53
Los Angeles	35	23	8	4	97	68	50
San Jose	34	21	7	6	112	84	48
Vancouver	36	20	10	6	100	86	46
Phoenix	33	18	10	5	105	103	41
Calgary	34	13	16	5	86	108	31
Edmonton	36	11	22	3	93	123	25

Note: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games
Anaheim at New Jersey, 7 p.m.
Washington at Carolina, 7 p.m.
NY Islanders at NY Rangers, 7 p.m.
Florida at Winnipeg, 8 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Saturday's games
Calgary at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Phoenix at Ottawa, 2 p.m.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 4 p.m.
Montreal at Nashville, 7 p.m.
Anaheim at NY Islanders, 7 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Buffalo at Boston, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Philadelphia at Columbus, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at Washington, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Edmonton, 10 p.m.
Dallas at San Jose, 10:30 p.m.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	Pts
Crosby, Pgh	19	28	47
Kane, Chi	20	26	46
Malkin, Pgh	9	32	41
Getzlaf, Ana	16	23	39
Ovechkin, Wash	28	10	38
Tavares, NYI	13	25	38
Perry, Ana	22	15	37

Not including last night's games

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

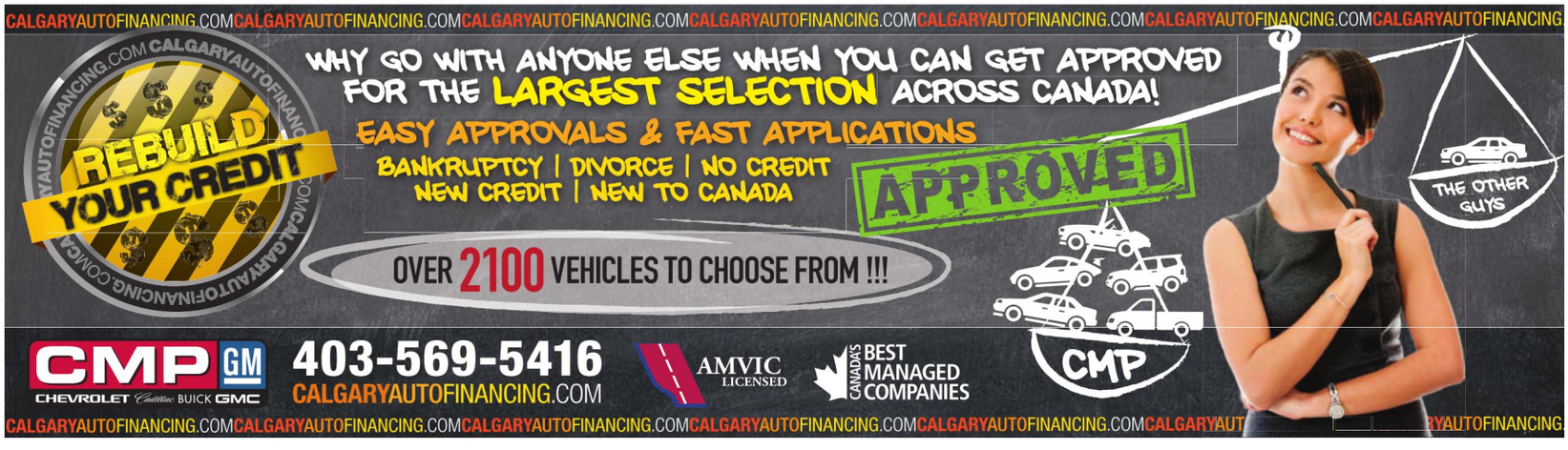
	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Indiana	20	5	.800	—
d-Miami	19	6	.760	1
Atlanta	14	12	.538	6½
d-Boston	12	15	.444	9
Detroit	13	14	.481	8
Charlotte	12	14	.462	8½
Washington	11	13	.458	8½
Chicago	9	14	.391	10
Toronto	9	14	.391	10
Cleveland	9	15	.375	10½
Brooklyn	9	16	.360	11
Orlando	8	18	.308	12½
New York	7	17	.292	12½
Philadelphia	7	19	.269	13½
Milwaukee	5	19	.208	14½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
d-Portland	22	4	.846	—
Oklahoma City	20	4	.833	1
d-San Antonio	19	5	.792	2
d-L.A. Clippers	17	9	.654	5
Houston	16	9	.640	5½
Phoenix	14	9	.609	6½
Denver	14	10	.583	7
Dallas	14	10	.583	7
Golden State	14	12	.538	8
Minnesota	12	13	.480	9½
L.A. Lakers	12	13	.480	9½
New Orleans	11	12	.478	9½
Memphis	10	14	.417	11
Sacramento	7	17	.292	14
Utah	7	21	.250	16

x - clinched playoff berth; **y** - division; **z** - conference.

Wednesday's results
Utah 86 Orlando 82
Charlotte 104 Toronto 102 OT
Miami 97 Indiana 94
Atlanta 124 Sacramento 107
Detroit 107 Boston 106
Washington 113 Brooklyn 107
New York at Milwaukee
Portland at Minnesota
Memphis at Dallas
San Antonio at Phoenix
Chicago at Houston
New Orleans at L.A. Clippers
Thursday's games
Chicago at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.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♈ Aries
March 21 - April 20
You may have lots of big ideas in your mind but are you ever going to get around to turning them into something useful, something that makes a difference both to yourself and to others?

♉ Taurus
April 21 - May 21
You may resent having to pay for something you think you should get for free but if you make a scene you may end up paying even more.

♊ Gemini
May 22 - June 21
Partnerships of all kinds have been under the spotlight of late and will remain so until the Sun moves out of your opposite sign this weekend.

♋ Cancer
June 22 - July 23
It may seem as if someone is trying to undermine your position, and maybe they are, but there is no need to worry about it.

♌ Leo
July 24 - Aug. 23
You have been in impressive form of late but all good things must come to an end and life may not be quite so easy when the Sun changes signs on the 21st. If there is anything of a creative nature that needs doing then do it now.

♍ Virgo
Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you feel the need to kiss and make up with a partner or relative now is the time. If you leave it much longer you may find that it isn't so easy or, worse, that they have found the love they need with someone else.

♎ Libra
Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
What happens over the next few days will help you to understand that your priorities are wrong, that you are worrying about the things you cannot change while neglecting the things you can.

♏ Scorpio
Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Slow things right down and take stock of how far you have come, because only then will you be in a position to decide how far you still have to go.

♐ Sagittarius
Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
The Sun remains in your sign only until Saturday, so get busy and get as much done as you can between now and then.

♑ Capricorn
Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
When the Sun moves into your sign this weekend a new solar year begins. Make it your objective, today and tomorrow, to look back over the past 12 months and learn what you can from your mistakes.

♒ Aquarius
Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Spend as much time as you can with your friends today because you may not get so many opportunities to be sociable in the days and weeks to follow.

♓ Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You need to convince those in positions of power that you deserve to be given more responsibility and the rewards that go with it. Timing is everything and the right time is now.

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Crossword: Canada Across and Down

See today's answers at metronews.ca/answers.

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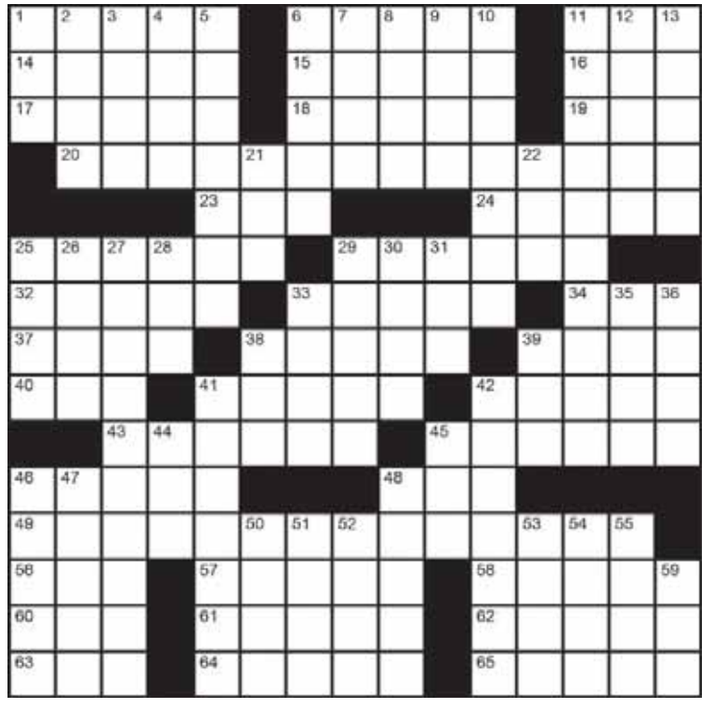

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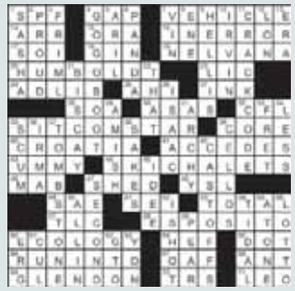
1. Tropical nut
6. __ __ behold!
11. "Pick a Puppy" channel
14. "ER" actress Ms. Tierney
15. Ewoks' forest moon home
16. Not 'neath
17. 'Material' suffix
18. Invest
19. San Francisco's __ Valley
20. Prospector in "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer": 2 wds.
23. __-Jongg
24. Actor's tucked-into-shoes devices
25. Country songstress, __ Lynne
29. Sidekick to #20-Across
32. Birchbark craft
33. Range
34. NHL official
37. With a flair for crafts
38. Lyrical lament
39. Bygone time
40. Golfer's gadget
41. Partake in Winter fun
42. "...not a creature was stirring, not even a __."
43. Prince __, British Columbia
45. Awakens
46. "The Birds" (1963) star Ms. Hedren
48. Highway topping
49. They're on the Canadian side at Niagara: 2 wds.
56. Pasta names suffix
57. Environment Minister, Ms. Aglukkaq
58. Donald Trump's first wife
60. '_' __ for Rimouski
61. Gourmand
62. 'frisco footballer
63. Actor, Daniel __ Kim
64. Skirt alternative
65. Kind of duck

Down
1. Dieter's stat.
2. Simple
3. Ballet outfit
4. Mr. Estrada
5. Alberta city between Red Deer and Edmonton
6. Bloodsucker
7. Never, __ __ occasion
8. Env. info
9. Morning's follower
10. Phys. of 1969 to 1976 TV: 2 wds.
11. Like many a Christmas Tree
12. "Count __ __." (I don't want to participate)
13. Lock of hair
21. "Nope."
22. Rap music's Kim
25. Hightail it
26. Tortoise's competitor
27. Hamlet in the Northwest Territories
28. Actress Myrna
29. "Grace Under Fire" star Ms. Butler
30. Try to persuade
31. Vachon treat, __ West
33. Wing-like
35. Poet's 'previously'
36. Charges
38. Just manage, __ out
39. Particular pronoun
41. Said one's lengthy piece
42. Banff National Park: __ Lake, it's glacier-fed
44. Sit-__ (Exercises)
45. UK military service
46. Race place
47. Ancient Greek colony
48. "__ are Not Enough" by Northern Lights
50. Singe
51. Table d'__ (Fixed price restaurant menu)
52. Threes - twos = whats?
53. Old Rome's 57
54. Ground
55. Dagger
59. ETA part, for short

Yesterday's Crossword



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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved.

7		8		4	5			1
	5		8					2
	1		3				8	
9							2	
		4	6		7	1		
	6							3
	7				2		1	
3					9		5	
6			5	1		8		

Yesteday's Sudoku

6	1	9	3	7	4	2	8	5
4	5	7	8	9	2	1	3	6
2	3	8	1	5	6	7	4	9
3	4	2	7	1	5	6	9	8
1	8	6	9	4	3	5	7	2
9	7	5	6	2	8	4	1	3
8	2	3	4	6	7	9	5	1
7	6	1	5	8	9	3	2	4
5	9	4	2	3	1	8	6	7

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